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Dear Adrian

**Response to the Report of the Wales Audit Office on the Welsh Government's youth discounted bus travel scheme – 'MyTravelPass'**

I welcome publication of the above report.

Officials led by Simon Jones, Director for Economic Infrastructure, worked closely with Matthew Mortlock and his colleagues in the production of the report, and I would like to thank Matthew and others for their thorough and inclusive approach.

I note that this is a fact-based report (without recommendations) that reflects the significant and substantial changes we made to the scheme after the end of the pilot phase, when the initial commitments ceased to apply.

You will be aware that the Welsh Government's internal audit service has additionally reviewed the scheme and those colleagues are already working with my team to deliver the actions identified in that report. Linked to that, my team have also discussed with your staff opportunities for further audit certification measures to validate funds received by local authorities and paid to the bus operators. This measure is being implemented to complement existing certification arrangements.

With best wishes

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